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Potsdam

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1. 22 September: Arrival of railroad transport hauling 200 trucks loaded with small arms and infantry ammunition.

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2. 23 September: According to a conversation overheard between Commissar Yaganov and a newly-arrived Air Force officer, Colonel Rudki, the 133rd Infantry Regiment and 22nd Armored Brigade are stationed in Potsdam and operate under General Kotikov's command. Present regrouping of Soviet units around Berlin is to be completed by the time the London Conference begins.

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Comment: [redacted] on 16 October that General Kotikov, formerly 328 Corps (sic), is now CO of First Army, with headquarters in Potsdam.)

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3. 13 October: Several rail transports arrived with ninety-two bombers and 200 fighter aircraft, which were sent on to Staaken.

4. [redacted] part of

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the "Stalingrad" Army was transferred some time ago from Kuistrin to Potsdam, and some units were sent to Thuringia. [redacted] also identifies General Kvartinikov as being in the Russian Zone, exact location unknown, and claims that three digit numbered corps do exist [e.g., 328].

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Comment: [redacted] General Kvartinikov (Kvaternkov ?) is in command with headquarters at Potsdam-Babelsberg.

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Kuistrin

5. [redacted] identifies the following units in Kuistrin as of late September:

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18 AA Division
32 AA Division

123 Rifle Regiment
164 Rifle Regiment

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6. Colonel Shahen has replaced Colonel Rushyev. Stationed in this area are the 82nd AA Division and the 112th Rifle Regiment. The 21st Armored Brigade, earlier reported, was transferred to Wismar on 22 September

Rathenow

7. Artillery and infantry troops strength was estimated at 6,000-7,000 in late September.
8. On or about 23 September, 7,000-8,000 armored troops with T-34 tanks moved into a camping area in the woods southwest of Rathenow between Ferchel, Schonhauser, Damm, and Gross Budicke. ✓

Saxony

9. In early October troops in the Rechlitz area were still on maneuvers in the Zeithain-Königsbrück region and were expected to return in mid-October. Only minor units were reported from Chemnitz, Döbeln, and Riesa. At Oschatz, armored troops occupied the Luftwaffe barracks while other barracks on the road to Dresden held infantry units.

Dresden

10. On 1 October, the Dresden artillery barracks were occupied by 400 men, commanded by Captain Ivanov. They were equipped with 172 mm guns. At the machine gun barracks: 2,800 infantrymen; and at the Hellerau police barracks, 800 troops with armored reconnaissance cars and AT guns.

11. Troops formerly stationed in Müllersleben were moved out on 21 and 22 September, but there were still 2,000 on hand as of 29 September. Approximately 30,000 men were still in the Plankew area at that time, most of them armored troops. Also in this region: 15,000 artillerymen in the village of Dollie; 4,000 artillerymen and 3,000 armored troops with T-34 tanks at Winsdorf.

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2,300 troops remain in the area.)

Neuruppin

12. Reported on 28 September, recent arrivals at Neuruppin included: 3,000 infantrymen, 2,500 engineer troops, 3,000 armored troops with T-34's and JS-4's. Some of these troops are said to have come from Vladivostock.

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